

DECISION-MAKING WORKSHEET: SENSITIVE HEALTH INFORMATION (SHI) AND DATA USE IN WISCONSIN'S HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE (HIE)


Goal: Establish *broad recommendations* for accessing data through Wisconsin's HIE *and* identify areas for discussion when implementing the Action Plan.

Example: Information regarding mental health should be accessed through HIE, however, it should have added technical/procedural safeguards to prevent accidental disclosure. Added procedural safeguards can be waived for emergency care with patient's prior consent. Patients can opt-out of including this information in the exchange. Stakeholder groups should be asked to weigh in on the inclusion of therapy notes prior to implementation.


| A. TREATMENT—Info. to care providers involved in care and treatment for treatment purposes. | | Suggested treatment of information in HIE (treatment) —————→ | | | | |
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| Type of health information | | Access through HIE? | Criteria: Patient opt-in or opt-out | Additional protections (eg, flag, time-limit, etc.) | Components to consider excluding from exchange | Special treatment of info. for emergency care? |
| | "Non sensitive" | Yes | Opt-out | No | None | No |
| | Mental health | Yes | | Yes, flag + ?? | Therapy notes (?) | Waive add'l protections |
| | Alcohol/drug abuse treatment | Yes | | Yes | | Waive add'l protections |
| | Communicable disease (incl. HIV/AIDS) | Yes | | Yes | | Waive add'l protections |
| | Genetic testing | Yes | | Yes | | Waive add'l protections |
| | Adoption | Yes | | Yes | | Waive add'l protections |
| | Developmental disabilities | Yes | | Yes | | Waive add'l protections |
| | Sexual assault | Yes | | Yes | | Waive add'l protections |
| | Domestic violence | Yes | | Yes | | Waive add'l protections |

| B. PUBLIC HEALTH--Info. to state and local public health depts. for surveillance purposes. | | Suggested treatment of information in HIE (public health) —————→ | | | | |
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| Type of health information | | Access through HIE? | Criteria: Patient opt-in or opt-out | Additional protections (eg, flag, time-limit, de-identified data, etc.) | Components to consider excluding from exchange | Special treatment or availability of information in any circumstances? |
| | "Non sensitive" | | | | | |
| | Mental health | | | | | |
| | Alcohol/drug abuse treatment | | | | | |
| | Communicable disease (incl. HIV/AIDS) | | | | | |
| | Genetic testing | | | | | |
| | Adoption | | | | | |
| | Developmental disabilities | | | | | |
| | Sexual assault | | | | | |
| | Domestic violence | | | | | |

C. RESEARCH—Info. to external or internal researchers for research purposes.

| | | Suggested treatment of information in HIE (public health)  | | | | |
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| | | Access through HIE? | Criteria: Patient opt-in or opt-out | Additional protections (eg, flag, time-limit, de-identified data, etc.) | Components to consider excluding from exchange | Special treatment or availability of information in any circumstances? |
| Type of health information | “Non sensitive” | | | | | |
| | Mental health | | | | | |
| | Alcohol/drug abuse treatment | | | | | |
| | Communicable disease (incl. HIV/AIDS) | | | | | |
| | Genetic testing | | | | | |
| | Adoption | | | | | |
| | Developmental disabilities | | | | | |
| | Sexual assault | | | | | |
| | Domestic violence | | | | | |

D. THIRD PARTIES—Info. to insurers/employers for purposes such as payment, eligibility, etc.

| | | Suggested treatment of information in HIE (third parties)  | | | | |
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| | | Access through HIE? | Criteria: Patient opt-in or opt-out | Additional protections needed (eg, flag, de-identified data, etc.) | Components to consider excluding from exchange | Special treatment or availability of information in any circumstances? |
| Type of health information | “Non sensitive” | | | | | |
| | Mental health | | | | | |
| | Alcohol/drug abuse treatment | | | | | |
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